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(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

the specification of which

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
 (b) ☐ was filed on _____ as Serial No. _____ or Express Mail No. _____, as Serial No. not yet known, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
 (c) ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014510 filed on October 1, 2004 and amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d) ☐ no such application have been filed.
 (e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) associated with the Customer Number listed below to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therein.

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____ Added page to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.